

## 1st Sunday of Lent (B) 20/21 February 2021

Sun:	9.00am Mass (Alv) 11.00am Mass (Alv)	Krystyna Burczynska RIP Michael Vickers RIP
Mon:	Chair of St Peter	
Tues:	St Polycarp	
Sun:	<u>2nd Sunday of Lent (B)</u> 9.00am Mass (Alv) 11.00am Mass (Alv)	Noel Walsh RIP Alfaredo Florek RIP

### Money Matters:

Offertery: £588.11

For those who regularly contribute to the church via the Envelope Scheme there are a number of ways you may continue to do so:

Drop the envelope to the Presbytery or put them aside each week for when the present crisis is over.

Another option would be to set up a Direct Debit or Standing Order – Lloyds Bank: sort code 30-92-59; account number 01620555 – English Martyrs, Derby RCP.

Payments to the parish by cheque should be made payable to:  
English Martyrs Derby RCP

Sanctuary Lamp: Billington Family Intentions  
SVP:

**Prayers for the Sick:** Please always keep in your prayers the sick and housebound especially William Johnson, Simon Thompson, Lynda King, Christine and Michael Dreuit, Loretta Hewitt, Winifred Buchan, Rev Greg (Methodist Minister in Chellaston), all those suffering from COVID-19 and for all those on our sick list.

**Please Pray** for the repose of the souls of Kathleen Geraghty, Thomas Fitzpatrick and Nina Clifton. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers also.

### Funeral Details:

**Thomas Paul Fitzpatrick RIP 3 March** - 12 Noon Requiem Mass followed by internment at Nottingham Rd Cemetery.

**Carmen Esther Clifton "Nina" 9 March** - 11.00am Requiem Mass followed by internment at Nottingham Rd Cemetery.

### Dear Parishioners,

We are continuing to celebrate Masses in the church, as permitted by the Government, on Sundays at 9.00am and 11.00am and on weekdays as announced in the news sheet; please continue to observe the pre-existing rules and, in addition, to not congregate outside church 'for a chat' but return home. We will all be able to have a great chat after we have had our vaccinations, the sun is shining, and we can sing again.

THERE IS STILL NO OBLIGATION UPON YOU TO ATTEND MASS

**God Bless Fr Brentnall**

### ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

If you cannot attend daily Mass, you can use this prayer to express your faith in Christ and His Presence in the Eucharist, and ask Him to unite Himself with us.

### Nottingham 40 Days For Life 2021:

40 Days for Life is a peaceful and prayerful way to work for an end to abortion. In the Nottingham Diocese, with the support of Bishop Patrick, we have prayed outside the abortion facility at the QMC during Lent for several years. Routine abortions no longer take place there so last year we prayed at the Stapleford Care Centre, which contains a BPAS abortion clinic, until the Covid lockdown meant that we could no longer pray outside the clinic. We completed the prayer campaign by praying at home.

During Lent from 17 February to 28 March, people in our Diocese are invited to pray and fast for an end to abortion. We planned to return to Stapleford but are currently prevented from doing so by lockdown (although the abortion clinic continues to see women). So, we plan to start our 2021 campaign online.

You are invited to peacefully pray for an hour or more during a 40-day vigil running for 12 hours daily during Lent. Please sign up now to pray with us at [www.40daysforlife.com/nottingham](http://www.40daysforlife.com/nottingham), or you can contact us at [40daysforlifenootts@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifenootts@gmail.com).

Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass for us on Thursday 11 February at the Cathedral at 7.00pm - if you live near Nottingham (and are not in a high-risk category) please do come. You can also follow the Mass online through the cathedral website.

Father M Brentnall VF [Parish Priest]

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Hall Bookings: Frances Connolly on 01332 572286

**Lent Course - Thursdays 25 February, 4, 11, 18 and 25 March, 7-8.15pm** - St Mary's will be offering Fr Stephen Wang's Sycamore Lent Course via Zoom. The focus of these sessions will be on knowing God and the salvation he offers in Jesus Christ, and on our response to this offer of salvation in faith, freedom and love. The format involves us watching together a video presented by Fr Stephen, followed by a discussion of the questions raised. There is follow up material provided, including references to both the YouCat and full catechism of the Church and suggested Bible readings. The meetings will be relaxed and informal, with no pressure to speak if you prefer just to listen. If you are interested in joining please contact Fran Hazel at [fran@brightshark.co.uk](mailto:fran@brightshark.co.uk) or tel 07951 143648.

### **CAFOD Lent Appeal 2021: We are Walking for Water this Lent!**

With my sister Veronica and members of our family, aged 6-74 we have taken on the CAFOD Lent Walk for Water, 40 day challenge. In solidarity with Abdella in Ethiopia, who has to walk for hours to collect water for his family. We are working as a team to do at least 5 miles a day. We hope to help buy bikes for water engineers to service water pumps. <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/Anna-Bourke>

### **Faith in Families:**

We started the new year off on a very positive note. You will be pleased to hear that we smashed our Christmas Appeal target of £10,000.....we actually received just over £12,000! This means we were able to support over 14 families with a supermarket voucher up to the value of £100. We gave each family a voucher before Christmas and are in the process of giving them, and others in this Lockdown, a similar amount again. Thank you everyone for your support.

As you can imagine we have been hit exceptionally hard by the pandemic and worry for the future in helping vulnerable children and families across the East Midlands. We Are therefore asking churches and fellow parishioners to spread the word and deposit any funds they have in the following way:

Count the money in your Faith in Families box and make an online donation through our website [www.faithinfamilies.org](http://www.faithinfamilies.org)

Referencing your parish No 36

Count up the collection and send a cheque for the amount to our offices. Reference your parish No 36 on the back of the cheque  
Count up the collection and deposit in our account at the local Bank, Building Society or Post Office. Details below

Bank : Lloyds Bank Plc.

Name of Account: Faith in Families

Sort code: 30-96-18

Account No: 43445860

Ref: Parish No 36

You can bring boxes into church, marked for the attention of Helen Nutman.

**300 Club:** The winners of the February draw are:

£100	123	Cath Hamblin
£50-	24	Eric Belshaw
£20	59	JM White
£20	36	JJ Doyle
£20	128	David Gabriel
£20	46	Frances & Mick Connolly
£20	52	Ray Merrison

**Treetops Hospice** would like to invite you to a special event to remember loved ones - **Time To Remember** will take place on **Thursday 11 March at 6.30pm** via Zoom, providing an opportunity to come together online for around 20 minutes, at a time when we are not able to come together in person. The event will be led by our Spiritual support team and is for anyone who has been bereaved, of no faith or any faith.

Zoom joining details:

<https://treetopshospice-org-uk.zoom.us/j/91254100020?pwd=bnA3bFk3M2lBL2lId2pLQzdDd254dz09>

Meeting ID: 912 5410 0020 Passcode: 574332

As part of the event there will be a slide show with the names of loved ones. If you would like to have the name of someone special included, please email their first and last name to [cc@treetopshospice.org.uk](mailto:cc@treetopshospice.org.uk) by **Sunday, 7 March**.

**The Diocese of Nottingham are proud to be supporting the Government's Kickstart scheme** and are currently advertising the following opportunities within the Curial Team:

- ✓ Office Junior (2 positions)
- ✓ Finance Assistant (Office) (1 position)
- ✓ Finance Assistant (OPAS) (1 position)

If you are aged 16-24, claiming Universal Credit and are interested in any of the above listed Kickstart roles, please speak to your work coach at the Jobcentre or apply on your Universal Credit Platform/App.

Applications close **26 February**.

**'Repentance is the abandoning of all false paths, and a return to the new path: Christ's path'**

*St Nikolai Velemirovich*